

REMARKS/ARGUMENTSClaim Status

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-12 stand rejected.

Claims 1-12 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,199,065 to Kenyon.

Applicant traverses this rejection and respectfully requests that it be withdrawn in light of the clarifying claim amendments made herein. For example, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that a plurality of *network storage controllers* are registered with the storage device, and that a first one of the plurality of network storage controllers is registered with the storage device by storing, in the storage device, a first identifier of the first *network storage controller*. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the specification of the present application, such as at p. 1, line 31 - p. 2, line 3; p. 5, lines 18-22; p. 9, lines 14-21; p. 9, and line 30 - p. 10, line 7.

Kenyon does not disclose registering a storage network controller with a storage device and, more specifically, does not disclose registering a storage network controller with a storage device by storing an identifier of the storage network controller in the storage device. Rather, as described in the Final Office Action, Kenyon discloses storing a session key, which includes information identifying a user, not a network storage controller.

Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that also stored in the storage device is an indicator of a type of access which the first storage network controller is permitted to make to the storage device. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in the "type" field 410 of FIG. 4A, and the accompanying text at, for example, p. 9, lines 14-21. As described therein, when a storage network controller registers with a storage device, the type of access (such as read or write access) that the storage network controller is permitted to make to the storage device is stored in the type field 410.

The session ID disclosed by Kenyon does not include any indication of the type of access the user is permitted to make during the session. Rather, the session key merely includes a user name, password, and random number.

In summary, Kenyon does not disclose at least two express limitations of claim 1, as amended. Kenyon does not, therefore,

anticipate claim 1, as amended. Applicant therefore requests that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

All of the other independent claims have been amended in a manner similar to claim 1 and therefore patentably distinguish over Kenyon for at least the same reasons. The dependent claims indirectly include the same limitations mentioned above and therefore patentably distinguish over Kenyon for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSIONS

Any dependent claims not specifically discussed above depend, either directly or indirectly, from the independent claims discussed above and therefore are patentable for at least the same reason(s).

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this Response, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time. Please charge any fees or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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